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MOUNTAIN CLIMBING

Tourist Trade is Becoming Very Important

British Columbia is fast coming into prominence as a tourist resort, and overland tourists are taking of the wonderful grandeur of the scenery, which to us, who live in the mountains, has become so common that we sometimes declare it monotonous. Yet, we are at last beginning to realize that even from the deep valleys to the snow-capped peaks everything has a monetary value. In the valley we can grow vegetables, grain, etc.; on the hillsides we have fine timber, and in the mountains we have precious metals, and now people travel thousands of miles and spend their money simply to gaze upon our common heritage. There is no person who will oppose the statement that the most magnificent scenery in all the world is right in these mountains and another one that it is permanent and lasting, and, moreover, that it cannot be monopolized. The Windermere District has unlimited resources in the tourist line and all that is necessary to make it pay is to let the world know it. The following is from the Toronto Globe and shows to some extent the interest that has been aroused:

Each year brings reports of visits to the mountain regions of western Canada by well-known explorers and mountaineers from across the Atlantic, such as Edward Whymper, A.C. De J. N. Collins, F.R.S., and Rev. James Buchanan, also of W. D. Wilcox, F.R.S.E., Prof. Fay, A.M.C., and others from across the eastern boundary. All honor to these brave adventurers, who, assisted by trained Swiss guides, follow in their footsteps to the summits of our highest peaks. One must not, however, overlook what our own countrymen, the members of the Canadian Topographical Survey, are doing in this respect. Fully taking their lives in their hands in order to obtain data that will furnish the means in demand by the thousands now flocking to the famous Canadian Alps.

The topographical survey of the Rocky Mountains was begun by the Department of the Interior in 1887, and continued until 1892, the Lussanet photographic method being employed. J. J. McArthur, D.L.S., and W.S. Dwyer, D.L.S., were in charge. In the performance of their work these gentlemen were to use a camera mounted on a tripod, and to use a camera mounted on a tripod, and to use a camera mounted on a tripod.

In 1901 the influx of mountaineers, artists, photographers, hunters, and lovers of nature to the wilder lands necessitated the collection of data for a topographical map of the thick range in the vicinity of the main line of the Canadian Pacific Railway. A survey was accordingly commenced by the department. It was placed in the charge of Arthur O. Wheeler, F.R.G.S., of the Topographical Survey Staff. The field work is now completed, and a full re-

port and map will soon follow. During the two seasons of field work, triangulation and camera stations have been established upon the summits of some 30 peaks. Of these there are over 11,000 feet, eight are over 10,000 feet, and ten are over 9,000 feet above sea level. Two to impervious forests of tropical luxuriant growth, travelling in the Selkirk is a matter of much difficulty. In the vicinity of Glacier House, the headquarters of tourists and mountaineers in these regions, the railway company have for the use of their visitors out trails through the forests to the nearest surrounding glaciers and snowfields.

Beyond lies a region of ice and snow, giant peaks, whirling glacier rivers and tributary ice cascades, falling over perpendicular precipices from every rock crag. It is the wildest, most awe-inspiring and most rugged portion of the range, and, unless, or only by the more adventurous spirits. It is, however, all made easily accessible by the construction of a few trails and the building of a few cabins, such as are met with throughout the European Alps. This mountain world is embraced within the nation. It was designed to move, and the nation involved was how to convey to its citizens sufficient supplies to enable the work to be carried on. The difficulty was overcome by establishing a depot camp at Rogers' Pass. From this point an extensive line of supply camps at five-mile intervals into the wilderness of peaks. Between each two camps a packer was detailed to carry supplies, by joining forces two men could travel together over the respective peaks. It is not safe for one man to travel alone over snowfields and glaciers.

Among the results of the survey are the accurate delineation of the topographical features and the determination of the altitude of the respective peaks. As an instance, it was formerly said that the Hellsfoot snowfield extended indefinitely southward, and covered an area of one hundred square miles. It is now ascertained that the area is but little over ten square miles. In like manner it will probably be found that the great Canadian snowfield, now reported to cover two hundred square miles, will prove to be largely reduced in area.

Until recently the highest peaks among the summits of the Rocky Mountains range, extending northward to the Atlantic, have been at a distance varying from 12,000 to 10,000 feet above sea level. It is now said that the tallest of them does not reach much above 10,000 feet. While the latter result is probably nearer the truth, the actual altitude must remain in uncertainty until the peaks are reached by the more accurate methods of the topographical survey.

A Preliminary Survey.

A survey party, consisting of J. T. Laidlaw, C. R., and C. H. Peden, were out for the past two weeks making a preliminary survey of the proposed railway which will run north and south through the Selkirk and Upper Columbia valleys. The route from a point near Jaffray to Fort Steele, along the foothills is comparatively easy to build, and most started will be completed inside of two months. From Fort Steele to Golden, the route was found to be most favorable for railway construction, in fact no engineering difficulties were discerned along the proposed route. The distance from a point where connections can be made with the Crow's Nest Branch and the B. C. Southern railway to Fort Steele is about 30 miles. From Fort Steele to Golden is about 100 miles.

In about two weeks T. McVittie, F.R.S., with a party of surveyors will run a trial line from Jaffray north to Fort Steele, thence north to Sheslay, and possibly to Windermere, if not impeded by unfavorable weather. Fort Steele Prospector.

Premier Prior Talks

Will Modify Mineral Tax—Outlines the Features of His Policy.

"I am not in favor of the 2 per cent mining tax. The act of amendment is not material, but it is unfair, on the whole, in comparison to the high-grade ores, and the sentiment of the investing public is against it. The system of taxation on mining development will have to be attended to and revised before British Columbia can gain the confidence of investors. I intend to see that it is revised at once."

The foregoing statement is credited to Premier Prior in an interview with a Vancouver press representative. He is further reported as having said: "The time has come when the government's ordinary expenditures should be kept within the revenue. I do not think the province should find any more loans except for specific purposes, such as railway development."

"I believe the finance minister is doing quite right in trying to get rid of taxes in arrears. It is not fair that one should pay and another should get out of paying taxes."

"Regarding the railway policy, I firmly believe it is the bounden duty of the government to formulate a railway policy. No country like British Columbia can be developed without being served by railways, and it is the policy of the government to develop the province by railway building. The government will assist railway building. The government will assist railways where necessary. If distance is given, however, it will, I hope, take the form of land subsidies under such restrictions and conditions as will promote settlement and development. I believe that a line of railway from Vancouver to the north would be a great enterprise and well worth the cost. I also believe we should have another transcontinental line from the B.C. coast down to the coast. I believe that such a railway should come through Carleton Place, then down to Delta, and across to the island, then passing through the lower portion of the province, where the population is more thickly distributed. I do not approve of giving assistance to the scheme to run the railway to Fort Simpson, this building up a rival city to Vancouver, Victoria and other coast cities. What is wanted is a line of more immediate advantage to the present centers of population. I think a great deal could be done in the way of developing the resources of this province by the construction of narrow gauge railways as feeders for the main lines. The Great Kootenay road is also a grave necessity, and must be built, as well as some other roads in the interior."

"Regarding the request made of the government by men and companies interested in deep placer and hydraulic mining that placer and hydraulic rights be given, I will say that it is a difficult problem to deal with. There is opposition to the scheme by many individual placer miners. I am sure, however, that some alterations will be made in the act providing for better titles to placer land than at present."

"As to immigration, I believe there should be a general scheme of survey of unemployed government land, so that when intending settlers present themselves or write for information regarding desirable locations, the government may be able to inform them as to local conditions, extent and topography of each section of the province where settlement is desirable, the nature of the soil, possibilities of livelihood and conditions prevailing as to transportation. It would be an expensive undertaking, but it is very desirable to have the land of the province taken by good sections, and the expenses would well repay the province. Of course, the scheme would have to be carried out gradually."

"Regarding the unfair terms given British Columbia by the Dominion government, I am going to Ottawa to talk the matter over with Premier Laurier and his colleagues. Owing to our extent of territory and the impossibility in many regions, the cost of administration in British Columbia is very heavy, and, as well-known, we pay \$2,000,000 more annually into the Dominion treasury than we get back. The Dominion government issued a pamphlet to the Dominion government giving the reasons why British Columbia should get more reasonable terms. I intend during my stay in Ottawa to further impress on the government why the concessions asked for by the Dominion government should be granted."

"In regard to Oriental immigration I may say that the government is strongly opposed to the influx of this class. The Dominion government has allowed the acts passed last session, but I intend to have them re-enacted as soon as the house meets, to show that the people of British Columbia are in dead earnest on this question."

When Colonel Prior was asked if the government would be sustained, he replied: "It will be. We have a decided majority."

Was Obsolete

"What was the cause of that awful racket and disturbance in your office just before you came?" asked one of the tenants on the third floor.

"You know that young cowboy that came to me yesterday to begin the study of law?" said the other.

"Yes."

"Well, I thought he might as well be in at the bottom, and I told him that when he came down this morning the first thing for him to do would be to clean out the office. He found him at dawn follows there waiting for me, but he did it all right."

The master does the cleaning but the tenants attend to the house.

Some of our friends, who staving in an earth, hope to meet us in heaven.

Thinks Silver Will Soar.

The London Star anticipates a considerable recovery in silver in the new year, and gives the following reasons for its assumption: "We base our opinion on several considerations. One of these is that as soon as the new year sets in the stringency in the American money market will come to an end. A second and more powerful reason is the recuperative power shown by India. China is regaining its lost equilibrium, and business is going on fairly satisfactorily. That being so, it is probable that China will be in a position to take more silver than she has done of late, and that China and India may more freely than necessary be recovered in the silver market."

Only a mean man enjoys seeing another man's wife seeking a partner.

MINING RECORDS

Below we publish the mining records as copied from the books at the Windermere Recording office.

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DISTRICT CROPPINGS

And Other Items of Interest in a General Way

It pays to advertise in THE OUTCROP.

A. Harold and P. DeLotto, two Paradise miners, left Monday to spend some time at the Silver Hot Springs.

C. Palmer left home for Cranbrook on Sunday morning. Mr. and Mrs. Starnish, who are returning from New York.

W. F. Smith has sold his entire stock of general merchandise at Cranbrook to the Peterborough Trading Company of Wilmer.

Quite a number of pleasure seekers from Windermere, Cranbrook, Ashcroft and Wilmer spent most of Saturday skidding in Windermere lake.

A general meeting of the Silver Hot Mining Co., Ltd., will be held next Wednesday evening, Jan. 21st, at the office of Mr. Hugh Macdonald, Wilmer.

F. L. Stock wrote from Toronto, N.S., that he will leave there for here about February 1st, and will open a butcher shop in Wilmer if he can get a suitable location.

J. L. McKay has purchased Hon. F. W. Aylmer's interest in the Athlone transfer. It is expected Athlone will be quite a lively town next spring. The season is now preparing for quite a steady run and other business revivals are anticipated.

The Athlone school has an attendance of 12 children and the trustees are now looking for the fellow who tried to stop their school by reporting that the attendance was too small. When they find out they may give him the fine and a bath in the river or a stuffed cotton ball.

The sector so far this winter has been dead in this district. For all persons, although a little snow would be found in some places, for lighting purposes. The slugging has been steady and yet there have been plenty of bright sunny days.

There is a fine line of cattle throughout the district, and unless some one got in very soon another. Some, may be disappointed. This is not a slow country and if there is any system looks black and ugly something to find, as we will soon be coming along of them.

It is again by some people that mail from Cranbrook and Fort Steele will reach here as it usually was Calgary as by the old stage route. The Prospector for the week will have reached this office in Calgary in the past 12 months of a Calgary—usually it is 15 days reaching here. The Herald sent its readers here in 10 days. This is its stage line.

A meeting of the Interior Post Association of B.C. will be held in Nelson on Sunday Jan. 18th, at which it is expected 25 delegates will meet and agree upon many things. Many people will hardly believe that 25 delegates can agree on anything, but they can do. They all agree that running a newspaper in this country is a mighty hard proposition. They all agree that it is hard to keep the sheet alive from their editors. They know their editors. But they are lots of people here who think they know more about it than they do. They think they will meet and they will plan what the future of the paper should be. They will talk to the editors and the editors will tell them what they think. They will talk to the editors and the editors will tell them what they think. They will talk to the editors and the editors will tell them what they think.

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WILMER, B.C., THURSDAY, JAN. 14, 1903.

The lead situation in British Columbia has simmered down to a question of free trade or protection, and the miners looking at it from a purely business point of view are unanimously in favor of protection. It does not necessarily follow that they are all Conservatives, although that party now has a "crow" coming to it. Indeed, there are many miners who politically are strong "free-traders" but believe under existing circumstances that protection is the only present salvation for the lead industry. Protection and free-traders may use up all the old and new arguments they have on tap but that will not mine lead a reasonable profit in Kootenay, and before either sides win and get their ideas in working order every miner of today will be prospecting across the great divide. For this reason the miners have decided to act on business principle and let politics alone.

The miners see that across the imaginary line, in Idaho and other States, that lead mining is a profitable business and that there they have protection. They see that everything they use in mining here is protected and they have decided that what is needed in mining lead in Canada and now all Kootenay is asking the Dominion Government to protect lead.

It is an important subject to every individual in Kootenay, as on the lead industry depends the prosperity of all other industries and businesses.

Situated as this province is, it is generally conceded that British Columbia would be better served with free trade in all things, but being attached to the Dominion we have to pay duty to keep eastern concerns in business and, therefore, to play even, the lead miners ask that they too be protected. Then, the old argument stands good—"That which is good for the goose is good for the gander."

Many are the good results that will follow the passing of an act to protect lead, it is claimed. Smelters and refiners will be erected and employment given to hundreds of men in Kootenay, and even the east will benefit by the erection of paint works, etc., while mining here will be carried on on a much larger scale. The C. P. R. official state that their refinery at Trail has proved successful, but that before they will build on a large scale they must have protection that will place them on equal footing with the refineries across the line.

The one difficulty is the marketing of surplus lead, but it remains to be seen if it cannot be sold by Canadians just as well as by our neighbors. And our miners are evidently satisfied that they can market their lead, else they would not seek the proposed change.

Apropos to the proposed lead tariff in this country it is interesting to note that the German miners favor an import duty. A majority of the lead mining companies in Germany recently held a convention in Dusseldorf, with a view of improving the conditions of the industry in that country. Commenting on the meeting the Financial News of London says:

It appears that the price of lead declined by more than 60 per cent in 1901 and that this reduction, taken in conjunction with the technical difficulties of lead mining, excludes the possibility of any profit being earned. The diminution in price is mainly attributed to the incapacity of the London market on behalf of Europe to resist the large quantity of imports. Ten years ago Australia, Mexico and Spain delivered 30 per cent of the world's consumption, but in 1901 they supplied more than 50 per cent of the European demand, while the United States as a buyer will not fail to render the pressure of over-production of the exporting countries of a permanent character to all other nations.

The production of lead in Germany in 1901 was considerably less than in 1835 and the imports, both of crude lead and lead ore, have very extensively increased since 1885, whereas the exports have largely diminished. The disproportion which has arisen since 1901, between the cost of the price of ore and the price of the overloaded

London market has already resulted in the closing of several German mines and the bankruptcy of others. In these circumstances the German firms have appointed a committee to advocate the imposition of a duty on lead imports into Germany and to propose the establishment of more intimate relations between the various works—perhaps of a combine.

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The Lead Delegation

The delegation now at Ottawa in the interests of the lead miners is composed of John L. Retallack, chairman, Geo. Alexander, G. D. Potter, J. J. Campbell, G. O. Buchanan, G. W. Hughes, T. G. Blackstock and Senator A. A. Thibault. The last two gentlemen will represent the St. Eugene and North Star interests and joined the western men at Ottawa.

W. A. Gahliher, M.P., has advised the delegation that an audience with the members of the Dominion Government has been arranged for today, the 15th. The delegation will endeavor to get a protective tariff on lead.

Meetings similar to the one held in Wilmer a week ago have been held in almost every mining town in all of Kootenay endorsing the resolution passed by the lead miners at their Sandon meeting and denouncing the utterances of Mr. Smith Curtis. Even at a meeting held in Rossland the Sandon resolutions were endorsed. Mr. Curtis has been severely criticised and among the many different towns is extracted the following passed at New Denver:

"That the use of the speeches made by Smith Curtis, M.L.A., of Rossland, in opposing the request of the Sandon resolutions, is denounced on the grounds that Mr. Curtis does not and never has represented a silver-lead population and speaks in ignorance of the wishes of such population."

As all the ore contracts run out to-day and as new contracts will have to be made there is considerable speculation in mining circles as to what the new rate will be. The Sandon Paystreak claims to have information from a semi-official source that there will be a cut of at least \$5 a ton in the freight and treatment rate. That paper remarks: "It will be remembered that a year ago the Everett smelter made an effort to cut the rate, but was over-ruled by the C.P.R., which threatened to raise freight rates to a like extent. At that time the Great Northern was beholden to the C.P.R. in the matter of connections both at Fernie and in the Boundary, and consequently could not provoke a quarrel; but now it is in an entirely independent position and if the Everett smelter again wants to reduce the rate the Great Northern will be behind it in order to secure the traffic to Puget Sound."

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INTERESTING FIGURES

Canadian Smelter Rates Are Not Excessive

The Nelson News in an interview with John L. Retallack quotes him as follows: Referring to the smelting rates now in force in Canada and the United States, Mr. Retallack said that it was generally supposed that the Canadian rates were excessive. He, however, gave the following comparative figures:

In British Columbia there was a rate on 50 per cent lead ore of \$15 for freight and treatment. There was also a marketing charge on the lead of \$1 per 100 pounds on 90 per cent of the lead contents. This would amount to, on 50 per cent ore, \$9 a ton or a total charge of \$24 per ton.

The price of lead in New York is \$110 per 100 pounds, and the price paid the producer is \$35.50 per 100 pounds. Therefore the marketing charge in the United States is \$5 per ton. The freight and treatment charge on 50 per cent ore is \$19 per ton, making a total of \$25 per ton, or \$1 per ton greater than in British Columbia.

Mr. Retallack concluded by saying that the facts and figures as given above were not generally known and he believed their publication at the moment was apposite.

Local Croppings

Geo. Hagan has been in the Hospital for several days.

Contractor Woodland returned from Golden Monday and has gone up to the Parnagian Mines.

S. Craig returned from Golden Monday to Windermere. Mrs. Craig has gone to the coast.

Lumber is on the ground for the erection of a meat market on Main street, near the Peterborough Trading Company's store.

Messrs. Kimpton & Pitts, of Windermere have a contract to haul Paradise ore and already are making good progress with it.

The Halo Club, tapped a large quantity of beer on Tuesday evening. Its brand was of the singing variety and produced marvelous melody.

Bert Perkins and Robert Holden returned to town last week after trapping about a month with 29 martin and one mink. They will start out again in a few days.

It is reported that A. M. Symons is the happy father of another little girl. Mr. Symons and family now reside near St. Leon Hot Springs, on Arrow Lake, where they went from Canterbury.

E. Fruithomme, who was injured in the explosion at the Parnagian Mines is recovering fast and can see well now. His strong constitution has assisted him wonderfully, and Dr. Elliot states he never knew anyone to recover as quickly from pneumonia as this patient.

The great social event of the year at Galena takes place tomorrow (Friday) evening, when the footlights will shine upon much youth and beauty that has been trained professionally but will appear disguised as local talent. It will be an event in the history of that locality that will long be remembered by all who are fortunate enough to secure seats. A number of people are arranging to go down from this end of the district and it is certain they will be well repaid for their 40 mile drive.

The police sometimes get those who help themselves.

A rolling stone never makes much of an uphill fight.

It's a put up job on a man when his wife orders a new stove.

If a man goes too fast he deserves to find himself in a pickle.

To read without reflection is like eating without digesting.

Virtue is its own reward, and genius is frequently found in the same class.

The greatest of truths is time; her greatest enemy is prejudice, and her constant companion is humility.—Colton, Lavett.

Some brokers make it a point to see that their patrons go broke.

In England it is possible to buy two cents' worth of government bonds.

It cost over \$25,000 to police the British House of Commons last year.

Pride makes some people ridiculous and prevents others from becoming so.

A genius is a man who is able to dispose of his troubles for a consideration.

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